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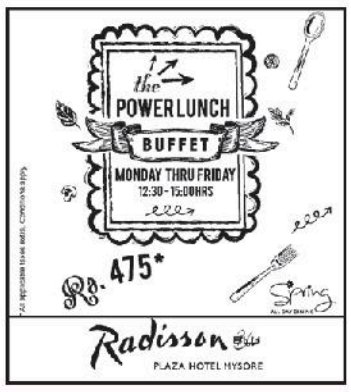

COVID-19 Vaccine Drive-2

Only 3 take jab till noon

District Health Officers disappointed

Dr. R. Balasubramaniam (pic. left) and Dr. H.M. Virupaksha taking second dose of COVID vaccine at the Trauma Care Centre on KRS Road in city this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (RK&SSV)- There has been poor response to the second round of vaccination drive for healthcare workers with hardly negligible beneficiaries turning up at vaccination centres in city this morning.

Till noon, only three persons had taken the second dose at Trauma Care Centre on KRS Road, that too without waiting for the SMS from Health Department. Interestingly, no beneficiary has called up the officers concerned over non-receipt of details of vaccination booth, date and time. "It seems beneficiaries are not interested to take the second dose of Covishield though it is must to enable the body to develop immunity after 48 days of the first shot," a Senior Health Officer told *Star of Mysore*.

In the morning, the vaccinators were fully prepared to administer the second dose of vaccine at Trauma Centre but the healthcare workers did not turn up. This has naturally disappointed Health Department Officers, who are learnt to have taken the pain of sending information in advance to all beneficiaries and also managing the vaccination drive by opening the COVID-19 Vaccination Control Room at the new DC Office Complex in city.

According to him, the situation has been same throughout the district on the first day of second round of vaccination for healthcare workers.

Early birds to Trauma Care Vaccination Centre were Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) and Dr. H.M. Virupaksha, Medical Superintendent, PKTB Hospital, who took the second dose and left after spending the mandatory 30 minutes at Observation Room.

(See VACCINE on page 6)

Mysuru Mayor election on Feb. 24

Nagendra *Somashekar*

BJP to ally with JD(S) to wrest Mayor's post for the first time: MLA Nagendra

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (PM,DM& BCT)- In a changed political scenario, Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) is likely to end alliance with Congress in the forthcoming Mayoral elections of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and align with the Opposition BJP. "The election will be held on Feb. 24 and the BJP-JD(S) alliance is 200 percent confirmed," announced Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra.

The MLA was speaking to reporters after performing *guddali puja* (ground-breaking ceremony) for the extended portion of the library on the first floor of the Mysore Bar Association building in the City Law Courts Complex this morning.

"The first round of talks with the JD(S) is complete and the State leaders of the two parties are talking with each other to forge an alliance. The BJP will get the Mayor's post this time for sure," the MLA said.

(See ELECTION on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 15th February 2021

First Mysuru City Kannada Sahitya Sammelana on Feb. 18

Mysuru, Feb. 15- Mysuru City Unit of Kannada Sahitya Parishat is organising 'Mysuru City Kannada Sahitya Sammelana' for the first time in city on Feb. 18. Noted writer Aryambha Pattabhi has been chosen as the President of the Sammelana, which will be held at Vignana Bhavana, Manasagangothri in city.

Aryambha

The Sammelana will begin with a grand procession along with folk troupes from Manasagangothri entrance gate (near Kuvempu Statue) on Feb. 18 at 9.30 am. Renowned Kannada actor Mukhyamantri Chandru will inaugurate the event at 10.30 am. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will preside.

MLA G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the cultural programme. MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will be present. Later, historian Dr. N.S. Rangaraju will be delivering a special lecture on contribution of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

As part of the first session, retired Professor Dr. C. Naganna and Prasaranga Director Prof. Nilagiri M. Talawar will deliver lectures at 2 pm. Second session will begin at 3 pm. GSS founder Srihari and Maharani's PU College lecturer Dr. C. Tejowati will deliver lectures at 3 pm. Kavi Goshti will be held at 4 pm. Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies Assistant Professor N.K. Lolakshi will preside.

At 5 pm, Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar will felicitate achievers from various fields including photo-journalist from *Star of Mysore* M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, senior journalist M.T. Yogesh Kumar and wildlife photographer S.R. Madhusudan. MLC A. H. Vishwanath will preside.

Valedictory function will be held at 6 pm. Aryambha Pattabhi will deliver Presidential Address. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will preside. Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti will deliver valedictory speech. Later, noted singer of *Ede Thumbi Haadidenu*-fame Ruthvik C. Raj and team will present musical event 'Gaana - Savigaana'.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Today, India completes nearly four weeks since it began administering the two COVID-19 vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin. During this period, the country has managed to give the first dose of the vaccine to only about eight million people, which is about 0.6% of the population. In this context, it is surprising that the Indian government has stayed away from a free market system for COVID-19 vaccines, especially given that several vaccine options are now knocking at its door. Instead, there are only governmental channels, which can work only to a certain extent. The rules and elements of a free market, such as competition, choice, and prices, will go a long way in advancing social welfare.

Economists point out that since vaccines boost health and immunity, creating additional private motivations with a free market makes rational sense in India's context. India is not really a place where one can expect private subsidies to take vaccines to socially optimal levels, such as in the US, because that may be socially unaffordable for the government. If this is not done, the country's rich will find a way to engage in vaccine tourism. This would mean that events that can show celebrities taking the vaccines and reducing the stigma surrounding vaccines would be few and far between in India unlike in the US, the UK, or other Western economies. Also, several Indian pharmaceutical firms must be waiting to respond with their manufacturing capacities should the tap of private channels be opened.

Will the government listen? We will have to wait and hope that good sense prevails before mutating virus strains minimise our chances of efficient social and policy responses. *— Chirantan Chatterjee in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Frozen golf course turned into artwork!

Helsinki: Eleven snow-shoe-clad volunteers stamped a series of complex geometric patterns on a golf course to create a temporary artwork.

The artwork, which was completed over two days, measures about 160 meters (525 feet) in diameter, could be the largest snow-drawing ever made in the Nordic country. Amateur artist Janne Pyykko sais that the drawing is best observed from the air and added that mapping out the patterns for snowshoers to follow within a set area of the Lofkulla golf course required a great deal of on the ground planning.

The work was designed to be temporary, lasting only until the next snowfall or heavy winds erase the footprints.

George Washington's hair up for sale

Boston: Locks of George and Martha Washington's hair is Up For Sale At Quirky President's Day Auction. Other items being auctioned include John F. Kennedy's Harvard sweater, Andrew Johnson's order of a national day of mourning after Abraham Lincoln's assassination and the pen that Warren Harding used to end U.S. involvement in World War I are among a trove of nearly 300 presidential artifacts hitting the auction block.

Boston-based RR Auction said online bidding gets underway Thursday and runs through Feb. 18. Other items being auctioned include John F. Kennedy's crimson Harvard sweater and a photograph of Lincoln and his son, Tad, signed by the 16th President. Last year, RR Auction sold a lock of Lincoln's hair wrapped in a bloodstained telegram about his 1865 assassination to an unidentified buyer for $81,000.

RR Auction's Mike Graff said the collection "honors America's esteemed commanders-in-chief." He said, "From the nation's founding to modern times, these are the leaders who have guided the US through times of war and peace."

HEALTH CAPSULE

WHO CAN GET A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT?

Kidney patients of all ages—from children to seniors—can get a transplant. You must be healthy enough to have the operation. You must also be free from cancer and infection. Every person being considered for transplant will get a full medical and psychosocial evaluation to make sure they are a good candidate for transplant. The evaluation helps find any problems, so they can be corrected before transplant. For most people, getting a transplant can be a good treatment choice.

By Dr. P.M. Uthappa - Consultant Nephrology

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 13	FEB. 14
Day's Positive Cases	22	21
Total Positive Cases	53,762	53,783
Day's Discharges	14	21
Total Discharges	52,504	52,525
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,026	1,026
Total Active Cases	231	231

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Newspaper Distributors seek Rs. 5 crore budgetary allocation for Welfare Fund

Mysuru, Feb.15 - The Mysuru Newspaper Distributors Welfare Association has urged the Government to allot Rs. 5 crore towards Karnataka State Newspaper Distributors Welfare Fund in the forthcoming State budget.

In a press release, the Association said that the Siddharamaiah headed Congress Government had allotted Rs.2 crore towards Newspaper Distributors Kalyana Nidhi (Welfare Fund). Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa should now allot Rs.5 crore for the fund in this year's (2021-22) budget.

Maintaining that newspaper distributors have to battle with vagaries of nature in the door delivery of newspapers to readers and subscribers daily, the release said that the Government must also list newspaper agents and distributors under the unorganised sector.

REALLY...?

- ***Roman emperor Caligula planned to make his favourite horse a senator: He loved his horse Incitatus so much that he gave him an ivory manger to sleep in, and even a Palace with his own servants! When you've heard some of the other downright bizarre things this short-lived emperor did during his reign, you'll realise that Caligula's strange relationship with his horse was one of the more normal things about him.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mintu: *What's the similarity between Income Tax and a caller tune?*

Chintu: *In both the cases, one pays the money and others enjoy!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.55
1 UK Pound	= Rs.100.92
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.76
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.07

VOICE OF THE READER

Inadequate height of traffic signal lights

Sir,

This refers to the reader's letter ***"Tilted traffic pole on Ring Road needs attention"*** *(SOM* dated Feb. 1). Even in most of the signal junctions, the traffic lights are not installed at adequate height. As a result, those driving cars, scooters, autos etc. and travelling just behind heavy vehicles like bus and lorry can't see the signal lights.

I myself have experienced this any number of times while driving car near the signal junction following heavy vehicles blindly.

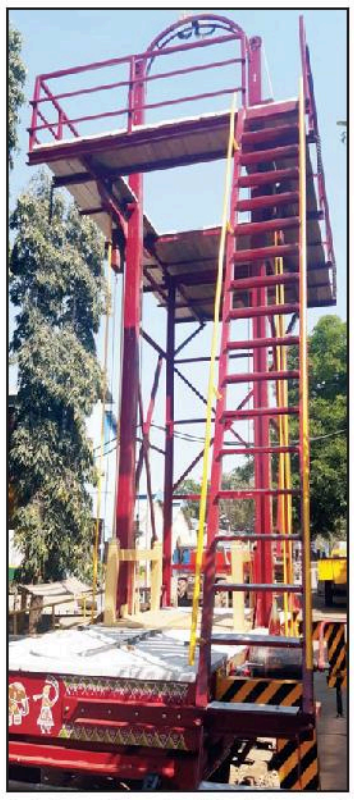
There are instances wherein I have followed the bus without seeing the signal light though sometimes it was showing red.

This in turn may lead to violation of traffic rules, jumping signals, freak accidents etc. Hence, I request the authorities concerned to install the traffic lights at adequate place and height.

—Arun Kumar
Chamarajapuram
9.2.2021

Century-old carriage-cum-lift of Chamundi Temple renovated

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (SBD&BCT)- The century-old carriage-cum-lift of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill, which was used to place the idol in the elevated seat in the temple chariot during Dasara Rathotsava has been renovated by the Central Workshop of South Western Railways, Mysuru Division.



The manually-operated carriage lifts the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari along with the heavy base to be mounted on the 35-feet chariot. Due to use since years, the carriage-cum-lift was in a dilapidated condition. The carriage has been renovated at Mechanical Millwright Shop.

A press release from the Railways said that though the carriage was in bad shape, the original drawings of the lift were not available for the engineers and technicians to have an idea before taking up any repair works.

The Chamundeshwari Temple administration including its Chief Priest Dr. Shashishekhar Dixit and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha approached the SWR General Manager in October last year and sought help to renovate the carriage.

After receiving instructions from the headquarters, the Central workshop of SWR in Mysuru took up the work and renovated the lift. Cradle-lifting mechanism was provided with locking and anti-fall arrangement. A new ladder with anti-skid plates and hand rail were also provided.

Rigidity of the structure was ensured with additional propping arrangement and the whole unit has been painted without losing its antique look. The whole work on this heritage structure was completed in 45 days and the temple team inspected same for its smooth operational requirements and expressed their satisfaction.

The manually-operated crane weighs between 5-6 tonnes and is 5.5 metres high and has a capacity to lift 300 kg, the statement added.

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— Management

Special permission needed for Zoo to procure beef: Minister

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (MK&BCT)- Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar said he would discuss with the Government whether the Zoos in the State could be given any special permission to procure beef for their carnivores with the anti-cow slaughter law coming into effect in the State.

He was speaking to reporters after visiting Mysuru Zoo last evening where officials apprised him about the running of the Zoo and how cow slaughter ban had affected procurement of beef.

The Zoo is largely dependent on beef for feeding carnivores. With the ban, beef has been replaced with chicken and here too, there were difficult times due to the threat of Bird Flu. And the procurement of mutton is an expensive proposition.

The Zoo which attracts lakhs of tourists every year houses about 35 to 40 big cats in its enclosures. It needs large amounts of beef daily — approximately 350 kgs — to feed the tigers, lions and leopards and the Zoo procures beef from certified suppliers, six days a week (not Tuesday). The enforcement of the anti-cow slaughter ordinance led to closure of beef stalls.

"Though chicken meat is fed to the animals now, we are observing for any physiological and behavioural change in the animals. At Bannerghatta Biological Park it has been observed that carnivores have gained more weight after eating chicken for three to four months. As such, experts have told us to retain beef diet and we have requested the Minister to do the needful," said Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni.

Minister Somashekar said that Minister for Forests Arvind Limbavali was coming to his Constituency — Yeshwanthpur — in connection with a programme soon. "I will take up the matter with him and seek to know whether any provision can be made to ensure beef supply to the State Zoos having carnivores for their feeding," he said.

Civic felicitation

Somashekar said he was planning to hold a civic felicitation to Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty for her support to rejuvenate the once dead Hebbal Lake spending nearly Rs. 105 crore and also her contribution to the Mysuru Zoo to the tune of Rs. 3 crore.

"Bank Note Paper Mill India Private Limited (BNPMIPL), Mysuru, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity, has donated Rs. 70 lakh to Mysuru Zoo for the construction of orangutan enclosures. I will discuss with officials the possibility of securing more and more CSR funds that can enable smooth running of the Zoo," he said.

"The Zoo was in a crisis following its closure during the lockdown and though it is yet to get back the same number of visitors post-pandemic, there has been a marginal improvement and the Zoo's revenue is also recovering," he said.

Somashekar said the Zoo's annual gate collection was around Rs. 59 crore which dropped to Rs. 17 crore because of the impact of the pandemic. "Those who had adopted animals under the animal adoption scheme during the lockdown to support the Zoo financially will be encouraged to renew their adoption," said the Minister.

It may be recalled here that Somashekar had played a key role in getting funds from his Constituency and also from other Constituencies represented by other Ministers at a time when the Zoo was facing serious revenue crisis.

The Minister later visited the food storage units of the Zoo and its hospital. He later viewed a documentary of the Zoo at the Zoo auditorium. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests B.P. Ravi, who is also the Member-Secretary of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK), ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy and others were present.

Orangutans to come from Singapore Zoo

The Mysuru Zoo has struck a major international animal exchange deal where a pair of orangutans would come to the Zoo from Singapore. It is a long-cherished wish of the Zoo management to house orangutans and once displayed, the Mysuru Zoo will become the country's only Zoo to house the great ape. An orangutan housed at Nandankanan Zoo in Odisha died last year. In return for the orangutans, the Zoo is giving two male giraffes to the Singapore Zoo, said Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni.

The last time the Zoo displayed orangutans was in the 70s and the Zoo authorities' best efforts since then to get an orangutan pair did not materialise. "We have begun construction of an enclosure for orangutans and we will get the primates soon after the completion of works," he said and added that like the natural enclosures constructed for African cheetahs housed at present in Zoo, natural enclosures would be constructed for orangutans too.

NEWS BRIEFS

Zoo animals adopted

The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the annual adoption fee: Indira Venkatraman, Mysuru - Nilgiri Langur & Common Ostrich (Rs. 20,000); Krishna Anand S/o Indira Venkatraman, Mysuru, Nilgiri Langur & Common Ostrich - (Rs. 20,000); A.C. Sekhar, Mysuru - Love Bird (Rs.1,000); Mahesh A. Talwar, Mysuru - Peacock (Rs.3,500); Chirasvi Kavi, Mysuru - Love Bird (Rs.1,000); Maheshwaran Calavai, Bengaluru - South American Tapir (Rs.15,000) and B.S. Roopa Chandrashekar, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs.3,500), according to a press release from Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens Executive Director.

Scholarship for students

The Mysuru District Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible Backward Community students as well as Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic students for availing post-matric student scholarships, fee reduction, Vidyasiri and food and hostel facility for the year 2020-21. The Department has also invited applications from nursing students for availing scholarships. Eligible students can apply online by logging on to: https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/ before Mar. 5. For details, visit www.backwardclasses.kar.nic.in or call Mob: 80507-70004/05, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	113.28 feet
Yesterday	:	114.00 feet
Inflow	:	299 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,689 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,271.20 feet
Inflow	:	118 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,823.00 feet
Inflow	:	58 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

Former MLA Vasu appeals CM to set-up AIIMS and Kidwai Cancer Centres in city

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (SBD&DM)- Former MLA Vasu, who is also the President of Mysore Industries Association (MIA), appealed Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to set up AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) and Kidwai Cancer Hospital centres in city.

The former MLA presented a memorandum in this regard to the Chief Minister at a Tourism Book release programme organised at Kalamandira here on Saturday..

Highlighting the benefits of making Mysuru a health city, Vasu in the memorandum said that AIIMS and Kidwai Hospital centres will be complementary to Mysuru becoming a healthcare hub.

The memorandum also included a host of other demands, which chiefly included establishment of Mysuru Industrial Township Authority, Development of Industrial Cluster, reservation for small-scale industries in KIADB industrial areas, setting up of a full-fledged export centre, revival plans for sick industries, installation of solar lights in industrial areas, construction of an exclusive helipad and a truck terminal and infrastructure improvement in all industrial areas, among others.

The Akhila Karnataka Book Publishers Association too submitted a memorandum to the CM seeking bulk purchase of books by the Government for libraries. The Association highlighted that the Government has not purchased books selected in 2018-19 for want of funds, which has resulted in problems for the publishers.

The Association wanted the Government to allocate at least Rs. 30 crore in the forthcoming budget for bulk purchase of books for libraries The memorandum was presented by the Association's Honorary President and senior Littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar and President D.N. Lokappa.

Mysuru Hotel Owners Association, led by its President C. Narayanagowda too submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister. The memorandum contained a Nine-point charter of demands, which included setting up of Dasara Development Authority, Mysuru Tourism Authority, appointment of a brand ambassador for tourism promotion, necessary measures for building a rope-way to Chamundi Hill, 2-year tax waiver for hotel buildings in the wake of COVID-19 crisis, an uniform entry tax for tourist vehicles as in other Southern States, establishment of a Hotel and Hospitality Industry Training Centre in Mysuru, necessary measures for issuing CR (Completion Reports) to commercial buildings and establishment of Film City in Mysuru itself as earlier proposed.

Missing girl from city found in D. Salundi

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (SSV)- Went out from a Paying Guest (PG) accommodation in city to buy a tooth brush and went missing, an engineering girl student was found in D. Salundi village in Mysuru taluk.

According to Police, a student from Andhra Pradesh was pursuing Engineering course and was staying in a PG at Vijayashreepura in city. On Saturday, she went out of the PG to buy a tooth brush but never returned till afternoon. The PG owner had filed a complaint at Jayalakshmipuram Police Station and had also informed her parents.

It is learnt that the girl, had subconsciously walked up to D. Salundi village and after coming to her senses, she requested a villager to use his mobile phone with which she spoke to her parents and shared her location. Her parents informed the PG owner immediately, who along with the Police brought the girl back.

Upon the arrival of her parents from Andhra Pradesh, the girl was safely handed over to them.

Unidentified man dies of injuries

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was hit by a speeding vehicle in a hit and run case on Feb. 10 at about 9.15 pm near Automotive Axels Ltd. in Hootagalli Industrial Area and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has succumbed to injuries on the same day at about 11.55 pm.

The deceased, aged about 60 years, is 5.4 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, lean built, sports white beard and moustache and was wearing a light blue striped half arm shirt, black baniyan and black pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact V.V. Puram Traffic Police on Ph: 0821-2418529 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339/340, according to a press release.

Fast food joints raided, Rs. 7,000 fine collected

Mysuru, Feb.15 (YDS&SSV)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officers, who raided several roadside vendors, fast food joints and hotels across the city on Friday night, have imposed fines on the owners for maintaining unhygienic condition and for using plastic covers.

The Health Inspectors of all nine MCC Zones carried out the surprise raids simultaneously on food joints in their respective limits and collected a fine amount of Rs.7,000.

The raids were conducted following complaints about lack of hygiene, non-segregation of dry and wet waste and for using of plastic covers for packing.

The drive would continue, said MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that the drive would continue and has urged roadside vendors and owners of fast food joints to maintain cleanliness and not to use banned plastic for packing food.

Bags CM Medal

Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh was awarded the Chief Minister's Medal by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at a function held at Vidhana Soudha recently.

Veerashaiva-Lingayat community has the strength of becoming global leading light: B.Y. Vijayendra

Foundation stone laid for new building of All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha's Mysuru Unit

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (RKB&DM)- Stating that the intensity of light is more important than the source from where it emanates, State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra maintained that Veerashaiva-Lingayat community has the strength to become the leading light of the entire world.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for the new building of Mysuru District unit of All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha at JSS Layout First Stage near Basaveshwara Circle on Dr. Rajkumar Road here yesterday.

Noting that Mysuru is a *Punya Bhoomi* known for its spirituality, Vijayendra, who is the son of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY), heaped praises on the erstwhile Mysuru Maharajas for making Karnataka a prosperous State. Pointing out that Suttur Mutt is like *Aramane-Gurumane*, he said that Veerashaiva-Lingayat community has shaped itself as the protector of all sections of the society.

Contending that Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar was a strong proponent of Basava *Tatva*, he lauded the role of Mutts in serving all classes of the society through programmes like *Anna Dasoha* and *Jnana Dasoha*.

Stressing on the importance of acquiring knowledge, he said that though wealth can be snatched, the knowledge acquired by a person cannot be snatched by anyone through any means.

Referring to his father B.S. Yediyurappa, Vijayendra said that BSY has become the CM of the State for the fourth time because of the wish of the people.

Reflecting on the ongoing Movements by different castes and communities of the State seeking reservation, he said that such problems are not new to Yediyurappa. Highlighting the grit and determination of his father in facing crisis and adverse political situations, he said that BSY will continue to serve the State as long as the blessings of people and Mutts will be there. He further said that BSY has often called himself as *Jana Sevaka*.

Asserting that it is Varuna Assembly segment that gave him a political foundation, he said that he would continue to work for the people within the perimeters of the Constitution with the blessings of his father, the people of the State and Seers.

Textile Park in Mysuru

Contending that he has special affection for Mysuru, Vijayendra appealed District Minister S.T. Somashekar to make all out efforts for bringing one of the seven Textile Parks announced by the Centre to Mysuru and also to ensure that the Film City, which was first planned in Mysuru is not shifted to Bengaluru for any reason.

District Minister Somashekar, in his address, said that the economy of the State, which was shrinking due to the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, has begun to look up in the past couple of months, which has given some relief.

Assuring that he will make best efforts to ensure that Mysuru gets it due share in the forthcoming budget, he said that he was working out plans for providing shelter to all the shelterless, as directed by the Chief Minister.

Asserting that Vijayendra is a serious party worker, who has grown up under the shadows of his father by going through the pains and pressures of life, Somashekar said that Vijayendra is also a *Rajahuli* just like his father.

Vijayapura Gnanayogashrama's Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji, in his address, said that the building must follow the three *tatvas* (principles) of Basavanna — *Kayaka, Dasoha* and *Anubhaava*. Pointing out that Basavanna always strived to build the society, based on these three principles, he reiterated that the building must always propound the cause for which Basavanna stood, by strictly adhering to the three most important principles of life.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, made a reference to the ongoing Movements undertaken by different communities seeking reservation and other social benefits.

Noting that there are marginalised and downtrodden sections in every *Samaja*, he said that it is the duty and responsibility of the Governments to ensure that all facilities and benefits meant for targeted sections of the society reaches even the last person.

Hosmutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji, MLAs L. Nagendra, C.S. Niranjan Kumar, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah and Tanveer Sait, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, former MLC Prof. K.R. Mallikarjunappa, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Nandeesh Hanche, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar, ZP Vice-President Gowramma Somashekar and others were present.

The building is coming up on a 130'x140' ft CA (Civic Amenities) site allotted by MUDA. The building that is estimated to cost Rs. 18 crore, is a four-storeyed structure, featuring an auditorium which can accommodate 1,000 people, a Skill Development Training Centre for students, a Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, a well-equipped library and space for carrying out cultural, religious and academic activities etc.

NR Traffic Police hold road safety awareness bike rally in city

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (RK&KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Traffic Police, as part of the 32nd National Road Safety Month, conducted a bike rally in city this morning, to create awareness on safety and precautions to be taken while riding or driving vehicles and also on traffic rules.

The rally, comprising about 200 bikers, was flagged off from St, Philomena's Church premises by Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) - Traffic Sandesh Kumar.

The bikers, carrying placards with messages on road safety, passed through Ashoka Road, Nehru Circle, Irwin Road, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Highway Circle, Nelson Mandela Road, Millennium Circle, Fountain Circle, Ashoka Road and culminated at the starting point.

NR Traffic Inspector Prasanna Kumar, Sub-Inspector Raghu, Assistant Sub-Inspectors Purushotham, Shiva Ramachandra & Raju and other staff were present on the occasion.

MP appeals for autonomous status for Kannada language

Mysuru, Feb. 15- Rajya Sabha Congress MP **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah** has appealed the Union Government to grant autonomy status to Kannada language, which has been declared as a classical language.

Speaking at the Rajya Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament recently, Dr. Hanumanthaiah said that the Karnataka Government, littérateurs, Kannada activists and a host of Kannada Associations have been pressing the Centre to grant autonomy status to Kannada ever since the language was accorded the classical status in 2008. But the Centre has proposed to convert the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) at Mysuru and Indian Translation and Interpretation Centre into Bharatiya Bhasha Vishwavidyalaya (BBV), he said.

Maintaining that the Centre has constituted a Committee headed by N. Gopalaswamy on bringing all classical language Institutions under BBV, Dr. Hanumantaiah alleged that the Centre, instead of granting autonomy to Kannada classical language, has been attempting to bring all classical language Institutes under BBV.

Contending that the work on development of languages which have been accorded classical status will not be complete unless granted autonomy, he cited an example where Tamil is doing exceptionally well after it was granted autonomy along with classical status.

Claiming that except for Tamil, the Centre did not accord autonomy while granting classical status to other languages, he said that the Government must come up with an answer on why autonomy had evaded Kannada. Dr. Hanumathaiah urged the Centre to take immediate measures for granting autonomous status for Kannada, which is vital for development and promotion of the language.

Curtains come down on Hunar Haat exposition

Singer Rani Indrani performing on the concluding day of 'Hunar Haat' at Maharaja's College Grounds yesterday. Picture right shows R.M. Sumanth Vasistha rendering songs at the Cultural Evening accompanied by singer M. Amulya of 'Ede Thumbi Haaduvenu' fame.

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (MK&SSV)- Over five lakh people visited the 25th edition 'Hunar Haat' a 9-day sale-cum-exhibition of handicrafts, which concluded at Maharaja's Ground in city yesterday.

The exposition, a confluence of culture and cuisine of many States, reportedly made a business of over Rs. 30 lakh in nine days. Held with a slogan of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' by Union Ministry of Minority Development and National Minority Development Corporation, it was opened by Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda.

Over 125 varieties of food from different States were served to Mysureans. Along with lip-smacking food, a variety of cultural programmes entertained the visitors. Singers from bollywood too enthralled the audience daily which added colour to the festival. The exhibition also had selfie point, book mart and handicrafts items.

The organisers had strictly followed COVID-19 guidelines by installing hands-free sanitiser dispenser, posters on pandemic preventive steps and awareness through audio and visual media.

To mark the occasion of Valentine's Day yesterday, a special selfie point at the venue attracted young and old alike.

26th edition in New Delhi

The 26th edition of Hunar Haat would be held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi from Feb. 21 to Mar. 2.

COVID-19 Vaccine Drive-2

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U. Sandesh, an ambulance driver at K.R. Hospital, who had transported over hundred dead bodies of COVID-19 victims to burial grounds and crematorium a few months ago, too took the second dose this morning.

The Health Department Officers are baffled as to why all those who took the vaccine on Jan. 16 have failed to turn up today in spite of knowing well that the second dose must be taken after 28 days.

"If they haven't received the SMS, they should have contacted the mobile number given on the day of taking the first jab. We don't know why so much of laxity, that too among healthcare staff. Nothing can be done more than this," the Officer rued.

Resident Medical Officers (RMOs) have been asked to contact and bring all those staff members who had taken the first dose of vaccination on Jan. 16 to the vaccination booths. The Health Department does not know if non-receipt of SMS by the beneficiaries was due to glitches in CoWIN App or they did not turn up purposefully due to lack of interest in vaccine. In fact, a majority of ASHA workers and nursing students had not turned up during the first round of vaccination. Now, those who have registered their names in CoWIN App have been given last chance till Feb. 25 to get vaccinated.

Dr. Madhukumar, Assistant Professor (Medicine), Dr. Lakshmegowda, Head, Department of Medicine, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) and Immunisation Officer of COVID-19 Vaccine were present at Trauma Centre.

'Will report to State authorities'

Responding to poor response to second dose of vaccine, Dr. Ravi said enquiry with Taluk Health Officers has revealed that a majority of beneficiaries have not received intimation about today's vaccination due to technical fault in CoWIN App. The same will be brought to the notice of State authorities who are in-charge of the App. Those who have missed out vaccination today would be given another date to get it, he added.

Stolen horse RETURNED to its rightful owner

Rare Marwari horse found tied to the gate of Stud Farm

LOST AND FOUND: ***Riju Varghese with the horse at his farm today.***

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (BCT)- The one-year-old female horse that had gone missing from a Stud Farm in city on Jan. 25 has been returned to its rightful owner after 22 days. The horse belongs to rare Marwari breed that is one of the few indigenous breeds left in the country and was worth Rs. 5 lakh.

The horse was found tied to the gate of the Stud Farm early this morning. The breeder had lodged a complaint with Alanahalli Police about the missing horse and had even advertised that a reward of Rs. 25,000 would be given to whoever finds the horse. *Star of Mysore* had published a report on the missing horse on Feb. 6.

The Stud Farm is owned by breeder Riju Varghese at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar. An elated Riju told *SOM* that the publication of the news and the Police complaint forced the person who stole the horse to return it. "They had cut the mane of my horse so that identification is difficult. Also, the horse has gone weak without proper food, exercise and nutrition supplements," he said.

In his Police complaint, Riju had mentioned the name of a former employee of his Stud Farm as the prime suspect. "This guy had stolen a few puppies from my farm sometime back. After stealing the puppies, he had gone back to his native place in Bihar and he called me two days back and I had asked him to return the puppies and the horse," he said.

"He is an aspiring jockey and I told him that this theft would lead him nowhere except jail and his jockeying career would be spoilt. Though he denied that he stole the horse, I found

the animal tied in front of my Stud Farm gate this morning," Riju said.

Though the horse is worth Rs. 5 lakh, it cannot be sold for that price without 'horse passport', a documentation that allows horses to be accurately identified, sold and more easily be transported from one place to another. Without the passport, there is not much value for the breed and a Rs. 5 lakh worth horse can be sold at Rs. 1 lakh or so.

"The 15-page passport traces the lineage of the breed, parents and its grandparents. My horse is sired by 'Dilshan', India's famous and beautiful Marwari stallion. All these have been documented in the passport and my horse could not have been sold for its original price without my knowledge and to the knowledge of Marwari Association," he said.

Riju said that he was planning to take his horse to the Marwari show in Coimbatore on Feb. 28. "Now the horse is weak and not in a position to be displayed at the show. It has to be fed properly and brought back to its original form and it will take time," he opined. The Police compliant will stay. "I will not withdraw the complaint as the crime has occurred. Let the Police take action," he said.

Extension of Mysore Bar Association Library

Chamaraja MLA L.Nagendra performs *guddali puja*

Mysuru, Feb.15 (PM&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L.Nagendra performed *guddali puja* for the extended portion of the library on the first floor of the Mysore Bar Association building in the City Law Courts Complex this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had sanctioned Rs.10 lakh for the construction of the extended portion of the library building last year. The MLA too has given Rs.10 lakh out of his Local Area Legislator's Fund for the works on the structure to resume.

Pointing out that Nirmithi Kendra has been entrusted the responsibility of construction, he said that the works are expected to be completed in three months. Maintaining that the works were delayed because of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic last year, he said that he has taken necessary measures for expediting all ongoing developmental works.

Smart City project

Referring to Smart City project, Nagendra asserted that he is making all efforts in his capacity to bring the city under the Centre's ambitious Smart City project.

Highlighting the advantages of the project, Nagendra said that Mysuru would get Rs.3,000 crore funding from the Centre if it is included in the project.

On collapsed buildings

The MLA further said that he would be holding a meeting with officials on the repair of the century-old Saraswathipuram Fire Station Building, the front portion of which collapsed in August 2019.

With regard to repair or restoration of Lansdowne and Devaraja Market buildings, he said that he has raised the issue with the Government and it is to be seen what decision the Government takes.

On chunks of roof plaster coming apart in a classroom at Maharaja's College where three students were injured, Nagendra said that he has already held talks with Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, when he assured of taking necessary action.

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Ramachandra D. Huddar, District Legal Services Authority Member-Secretary Devaraj, Mysore Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar, Vice-President Shivanne Gowda, Secretary B. Shivanna, Corporator Shivakumar, MCC Zone-3 Assistant Commissioner T.S. Sathyamurthy, Nirmithi Kendra Project Director Manjunath and others were present.

House gate stolen!

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (KS)- You normally put an iron gate in front of your house to prevent miscreants who prowl the neighbourhood night and day, plotting to break in. But what do you do when the iron gate itself is stolen?

Now burglars are stealing the gates in front of houses like it happened with a resident of Udayagiri in city.

It is a busy locality and surprisingly, the theft could not be spotted until the house owner woke up in the morning.

Sending photos of his compound to *Star of Mysore*, Nitin, a resident of Udayagiri, said that he woke up yesterday to find the gate of his house compound missing. Thieves had damaged the concrete pillar to which the iron gate was fixed.

"The gate was stolen on the night of Saturday. It is a well-lit area and right under a streetlight. I think a crowbar or a pickaxe axe would have been used to break the wall and steal the gate. I have shared the photos so that people are aware of such thefts," he said.

Cong. protests rising fuel prices

Mysuru,Feb.15(PM&DM)- Strongly condemning the rising prices of fuel, LPG and other essential commodities, Congress workers led by former K.R. MLA M.K. Somashekar staged a demonstration at RTO Circle on JLB road here this morning.

Addressing the protestors, he ridiculed Prime Minister Modi for his *'Achhe Din'* promise. Somashekar claimed that fuel prices have risen by over 40 percent and the price of a LPG cylinder (cooking gas) has more than doubled in the past few years.

Alleging that the Centre's policies and actions have severely affected the daily life of middle and lower middle classes, he urged the Government to come up with an action plan to bring down prices and thus rescue the common man, who is already reeling under adverse effects of COVID-19 crisis. Congress workers overturned a scooter and a cylinder to register their protest.

Mysuru Mayor election on Feb. 24

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Reacting on NR MLA Tanveer Sait's statement that Congress will continue to ally with JD(S), Nagendra retorted, "Tanveer Sait is speaking based on the information he has and I am speaking based on information I have. Till now, the BJP has been kept out of power and it will not happen this time," Nagendra said.

No party gained majority in the 65-ward MCC, the elections to which were held in 2018 and the Congress reached an understanding with the JD(S) to gain power in the civic body.

The Congress and JD(S) kept the BJP, which had the highest number of Corporators (22), out of power. The JD(S) has 18 members, Congress 19, BSP 1 and there are 5 Independents

Nagendra's statement is significant in the backdrop of political slugfest that has erupted between former Chief Ministers Siddharamaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy with the two leaders blaming each other for the collapse of the Congress-JD(S) Coalition Government in Karnataka. The unease that existed between former partners ever since the fall of the alliance Government is likely to culminate in JD(S) saying goodbye to Congress.

District Minister's move

Even Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who was in the city for the past two days, stated that the BJP was making all efforts to ensure that the party candidate adorns the Mayor's chair this time. Somashekar, who is said to be hell-bent on having a BJP Mayor, is learnt to have succeeded in getting the Mayor's post reserved for General Category (woman) candidate.

The alliance talks between the two parties has come close on the heels of the BJP and the JD(S) coming together to get the Legislative Council Chairman post, with Basavaraj Horatti of the JD(S) becoming the new Council Chairman after Pratapchandra Shetty of the Congress resigned following a no-confidence motion moved against him by the BJP and the JD(S).

Swinging into action soon after the notification of reservation for Mayoral posts in 10 City Corporations of State was issued last week, the CM is learnt to have held talks with top JD(S) leaders on forging an alliance in MCC.

Minister Somashekar is said to have discussed in detail with MP Pratap Simha and City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa about the strategy to be made for bagging Mayor's post, which is most likely to be occupied by senior Corporator Sunanda Palanetra, who represents Ward No.59.

Obituary

V. Seetharamu

Mysuru, Feb. 15-V. Seetharamu (Cricket Seetharam), former employee of Ideal Jawa and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away in the wee hours of today in city. He was 80.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Usha

Usha (35), a Second Division Assistant at Dalavoy Girls High School at Nanjangud and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

MMC&RI's 92nd Convocation

144 MBBS graduates receive degree certificates

Seven bag medals for outstanding academic achievement

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (PM&KS)- As many as 144 MBBS graduates of 2015 batch received their degree certificates out of which seven received medals for Outstanding Academic Achievement at the 92nd Annual Convocation, organised by Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA) at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall on Hunsur Road here yesterday.

Of the seven achievers, **Dr. S. Vindhya** tops the list with six gold medals. She is the daughter of K.V. Suresh and Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi couple, residents of Bangarpet in Kolar district.

Apart from her, Dr. Nemichandra has won four medals and Dr. A. Adithya, Dr. Nischay, Dr. Roshni Manoj, Dr. K.S. Puneeth Kumar and Dr. Rachana Naik have bagged a medal each.

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Sacchidanand, who was the chief guest, gave away the certificates and medals.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sacchidanand called upon the graduates to show concern to their parents and respect teachers as it was they who sculpted idols (students) from raw rocks.

Dr. S. Vindhya, the topper

Pointing out that social media was helping a lot in communicating fast, he called upon everyone to keep in touch with others and exchange valuable knowledge. "Never hesitate to seek second opinion, be it education, career or knowledge as it helps one to update himself/ herself," he added.

Stating that RGUHS was established 25 years ago and seven lakh students had passed out of the University till date, Dr. Sacchidanand said that RGUHS is ranked 1,400 among 20,000 Health Science Universities across the globe. "A lot of changes have taken place in medical education and everyone should update accordingly," he added. He asked the young doctors not to compare themselves with others but believe in themselves besides asking them to give their best to the patients.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Najaraj, MMC&RI Principal Dr. K.R. Dakshayini, MAA President Dr. Prasanna Shankar, Secretary Dr. S. Chandrashekar and others were present.

Sargur Govt. School girl bags award at Natl. Kala Utsav

Mysuru, Feb. 15- A. Chandana, a student from Sargur of H.D. Kote taluk, has made the State proud by winning second place at National-level Kala Utsav under the category 'Indigenous Toys and Games' held recently in Bengaluru.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), under the aegis of Ministry of Education, had organised the two-day National-level Kala Utsav on Jan. 15 and 16 in Bengaluru to promote art in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students at secondary level. Due to the pandemic, the event was held virtually in which students from 36 States had participated.

Indigenous toy-making was introduced as a theme in Kala Utsav this year to encourage students to explore and develop a variety of local toys.

A ninth standard student from G.B. Sargur Government High School located in H.D. Kote taluk, Chandana who had participated in the event displayed her six beautiful toys made using dry bottle guards. Judges of the contest who saw her unique creations have greatly admired her talent and selected her for the prestigious award.

For most of us, all types of gourds including ash gourd, bitter gourd, ridge gourd, snake gourd and bottle gourd are just one among many vegetables, using which our mothers every day prepare dishes for lunch or dinner. But this underdog veggie has become a canvas for this budding artist.

Chandana and her art teacher Sangeetha with the art works.

Chandana engrossed in creating the attractive dolls out of gourds.

"I wanted to create something from reusable natural materials. I have not spent much for making these dolls. Gourds can be used to create such dolls and nature-friendly utensils. I just wanted to preserve and promote this unique tradition of our tribal community."

—A. Chandana , award-winning student

Using her vivid imagination, Chandana has carved and painted six humble bottle gourds to become a cute pair of grandfather and grandmother, a balancing doll, a cock, an owl and a giraffe *(see pictures).*

Now, by winning this prestigious award, Chandana has bagged Rs. 20,000 cash prize, a medal and a trophy.

K. Sangeeta, Art teacher working for G.B. Sargur Government High School, H.D. Kote taluk, said, "Since 2015, our school students have been contesting in this Kala Utsav organised by the Ministry of Education. Out of the two students of our school who had participated in this national-level art festival and contest, our ninth standard student Chandana has bagged the award. I am very proud of my students."

NEP boosts confidence to face challenges, provides job security: Former VC

Mysuru, Feb. 15- Hindustan First Grade College celebrated its first Graduation Day at a private hotel in city recently.

M.S. Suryanarayana, Associate Vice-President and Centre Head (Development), Infosys, Chennai, was the guest of honour. Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor (VC), University of Mysore (UoM), was the chief guest. Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Managing Trustee, Hindustan First Grade College, presided. Ashok Verghese, Director, Hindustan Group of Institutions, Prof. S.N. Hegde, former VC, UoM, Dr. Suresha, Governing Council Member and Dr. C.J. Priya, Principal, Hindustan First Grade College, were present on the stage.

N. Namratha (B.Com 2020 Batch - 5 Gold Medals), Mohammed Shakeel (B.Com 2020 - 4 Gold), N. Pooja (B.Com 2019 - 4 Gold), Om Kishan S. Juttur (B.Com 2019 - 1 Gold), H.R. Sanjay Kumar (BBA 2020 - 1 Gold) and Harshitha (BCA 2020 - 1 Gold) received the Dr. K.C.G. Verghese Gold Medal for securing 100/100 in University exams and for being subject toppers.

Prof. Rangappa, in his address, said, "The new National Education Policy (NEP) will help children to learn skills from school level. NEP is very effective for the 21st Century as it also boosts confidence to face challenges and provide job security."

He advised students to indulge in everyday learning process as graduation is not mere end of learning.

Suryanarayana spoke on the importance of perceiving dreams citing the examples of great people like Steve Jobs and advised the graduates to chase their dreams and be a pioneer in creating revolution.

In all, 62 candidates, who have cleared the examinations conducted by the UoM, received Course Completion Certificate during the Graduation Day celebrations.

Hindustan College, Mysuru, was founded by Hindustan Group of Institutions, Chennai, to fulfil the vision of its Founder-Chairman late Dr. K.C.G. Verghese.

'Competitive exam centres to come up in all districts'

Mysuru, Feb. 15 (PM&SSV)- Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Addl. Chief Secretary, Planning, Youth Empowerment and Sports Department, said that Higher Education and Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. C.S. Ashwathnarayan, has responded positively for setting up of the competitive examination training centres in all districts.

She was speaking online to wish students who are undergoing training for the competitive exams organised at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) auditorium on Friday.

Dr. Shalini hoped that State Budget for the year 2021-22 would earmark funds to establish

competitive examination training centres in all districts from the next year.

There was a need to set up such centres in taluk headquarters to help IAS and KAS aspirants from rural areas. In State, the youths number about 2.5 crore of which only 30 percent opt for degree and higher education. So, they need to attract the rest 70 percent towards the higher education, she added.

N. Rajashekar, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Nagaland, said undergoing training under duress from parents was of no use. Students must study the subjects of their interest and excel. Solving more question papers and keeping abreast of current developments was vital to improve general knowledge, he noted.

D. Bharathi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Hassan Zilla Panchayat (ZP), said that the 60-day training being given by the Varsity was very helpful for the candidates to crack the competitive examination.

"Urge for knowledge was important for those who wish to climb the ladder of success. Even after occupying top posts, they should evince keen interest for learning," she added.

Prof. S. Vidyashankar, VC, KSOU, said that currently, thousands of candidates were undergoing training. The Varsity would bring out a book of the alumni who have occupied important posts in administration.

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, Registrar, Dr. A. Khader Pasha, Finance Officer, Dr. K.M. Mahadevan, Registrar (Evaluation), Jainahalli Satyanarayana Gowda, Centre Coordinator and Dr. R.H. Pavitra, Associate Professor of Economics, were present.

Pratibha Puraskar presented, achievers feted

Mysuru, Feb. 15- Agastya Credit Co-operative Society Limited, Krishnamurthypuram, had organised a programme recently at its premises to present Pratibha Puraskar to meritorious children of the Society members and felicitate achievers.

Children who received Pratibha Puraskar are as follows:

SSLC: G. Dhyan, U. Suhas, H. Srividhya, Surya R. Harithsa, K.V. Anirudh, D. Niharika, V. Nagachethan, J. Chirant, M.R. Srivalli, S. Karthik, Aditya M. Krishnagiri, G.A. Hansini, Sinchana N. Prasad, G. Sanjana, H.R. Anirudh, Vikunth M. Athreya and C. Vamshika.

PUC: C.A. Souparnika, B.R. Pradeep, R. Pradhyumna, K. Preethi, Skanda M. Bharadwaj, S.H. Bharath, K. Karan, M.K. Sampreeth, S. Ananya, K.J. Sumukh,

S. Ramyashree, Shravya Srinivasan, V. Ananya, G. Suhas, K. Ashwin Ranganath, H.S. Sinchana, N. Vishak Koundinya, Vineeth S. Bharadhwaj, M. Karthik, Sinchana N. Raj, H.R. Shashank, S. Sameeksha, R. Abhayan, K. Yashwanth and K.M. Kshama.

Diploma: K.M. Sriskanda.

Music, Fine Art, Bharatanatyam and Sports: Nayana Nagaraj, P. Achutha Rao, M. Madhusudan, Surya R. Harithsa, Agratha M. Pramod and Dakshatha M. Pramod.

The following achievers were felicitated on the occasion: *Padma Shri* awardees-Editor-couple of *Sudharma* Sanskrit Daily K.V. Sampath Kumar and Vidushi K.S. Jayalakshmi, recipient of Rajyotsava awards, editor of *Sadhvi* Evening Newspaper C. Maheshwaran and yoga expert-cum-Ayurveda Doctor Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar as well as some of the senior members of the Society including K. Ramaswamy, B.V. Venkatesh Bharadwaj, C.V. Venkateshmurthy, B.S. Vasudevrao, H.G. Renukaradhya, R.L. Panduranga, B.S. Sripadu, Kamala, Chandravati, Aravindamma, T.S. Ratnamma and K.M. Ratnamma.

Agastya Credit Co-operative Society President C.V. Parthasarathi presided over the event. Vice-President H.S. Prashanth Thathachar, Treasurer M.D. Gopinath, Directors K. Nagaraj, M.R. Preethan, K.N. Srinivasa Sharma, N. Phaniraj and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Prepossessing

Pronunciation: pree-puh-ZESS-ing.
Meaning: Creating prejudice; tending to create a favourable impression : attractive.
Origin: If you've heard of the word unprepossessing, it probably comes as no surprise to you that there's also a prepossessing. You may not know, however, that both derive from the verb prepossess, which is also still used in English, although it's quite rare. When prepossess first appeared in print in English in the early 17th century it meant "to take previous possession of," but that sense is now obsolete. The adjective prepossessing came into use later in that century and is based on a later sense, "to influence favourably beforehand." Someone or something that is prepossessing, therefore, makes a good first impression.
Example: "When she left a while later, with Jeff, Annie turned at the door to look for Graham. She found him—he was so tall, so prepossessing, that he was easy to spot." — Sue Miller

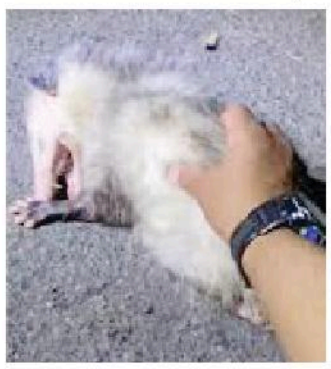
THE ODD WORD

Paginal

Of, like or pertaining to pages or pagination.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Playing possum



Meaning: Pretending to be dead or fast asleep. Feigning ignorance about something.
Origin: It's believed the phrase playing possum comes from the American opossum, also referred to simply as possum. When these animals feel threatened, perhaps by a nearby predator, they might feign death in an attempt to fool them. That's right, these animals pretend to be dead! It's thought that this tricky behaviour opossums display is where the phrase "play possum" originates from. Today, when people feign being dead, asleep, or ignorant, it might be said that they are "playing possum," as the saying goes. What about the age of this phrase? I've seen it mentioned that it was first printed in the year 1822, but I couldn't find any examples of it from that time. The earliest appearance I have seen of it in print is from the Washington Globe, printed in 1843, where it reads:
"So it seems the Whigs are to 'play possum' again in the coming campaign, though one would suppose they had bad experience enough in that game to teach them that 'honesty is the best policy.'

QUOTE BOX

It is a happy talent to know how to play. **— Ralph Waldo Emerson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Stepladder.

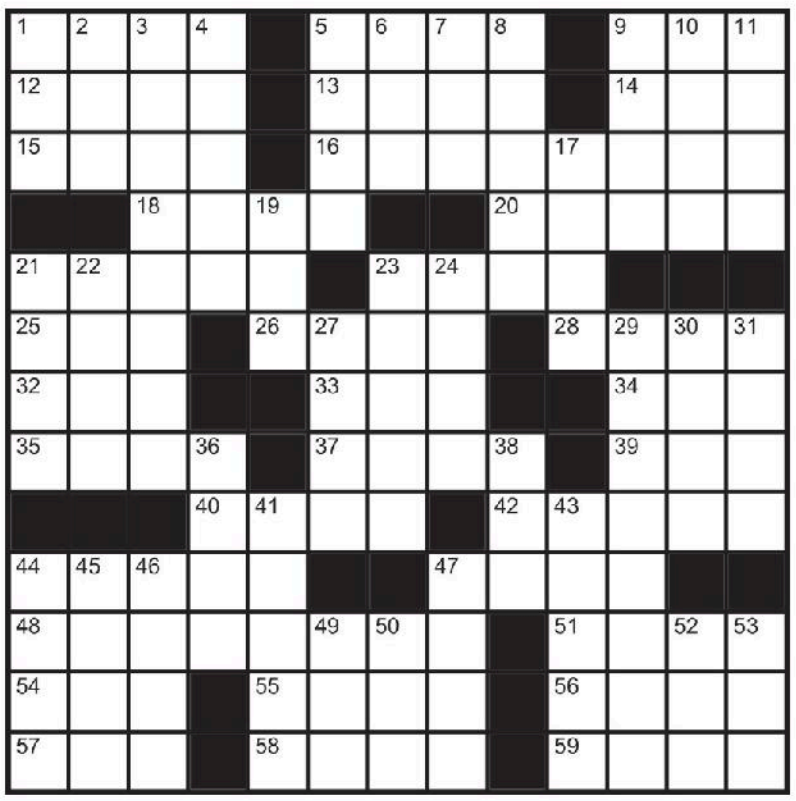
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 A seaweed
5 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
9 Tourist destination on our West Coast
12 Space available
13 Lima is its capital city
14 Indian Dyestuff Inds.
15 Musical finale
16 Guard or watchman
18 __ __ time : never? (2,2)
20 IvantheTerrible,Nicholas,etal.
21 Tennis trophy __ Cup
23 Read superficially
25 Gen. material
26 Dash
28 Self-satisfied
32 "A" in IAF?
33 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
34 To be - a change of "era"?
35 Not sincere
37 Left again
39 Former Rus. state
40 A male voice
42 Guwahati locale
44 Anatomical sacs
47 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago?
48 Ancient language of India
51 Kinswoman
54 Boat mentioned in the Bible
55 Make less severe
56 Understanding term? (1,3)
57 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.
58 Linguist Chomsky
59 Obscene

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

A	M	A	R	■	E	T	R	E	■	E	R	A
H	F	B	E	■	I	Y	N	X	■	N	O	D
E	M	I	T	■	A	P	P	E	A	S	E	S
M	O	D	I	S	T	E	■	M	P	H	■	■
■	■	■	N	A	E	■	A	P	E	R	C	U
I	L	E	U	M	■	B	I	T	■	O	A	S
D	A	N	E	■	F	A	N	■	A	U	K	S
L	I	D	■	G	A	G	■	O	D	D	E	R
I	C	E	B	A	G	■	G	U	M	■	■	■
■	■	A	T	N	■	A	R	T	I	S	A	N
S	T	R	U	G	G	L	E	■	R	A	F	A
E	O	E	■	E	A	S	E	■	E	L	A	N
W	E	D	■	S	P	O	T	■	S	E	R	A

DOWN
1 Curved line
2 A card game in which forfeits are paid into a pool
3 One of India's major rivers
4 Name in violins
5 ___ facto : by that very fact?
6 Command to a horse
7 Sea-eagle variant
8 All together, musically?
9 "A gin" cocktail get you the girl!
10 East European river
11 Suffers some illness
17 Distinctive doctrines
19 Natl. Stock Exchg.
21 Pull without lifting
22 Retired leggie Kumble
23 Artillery volley
24 Major leg joint
27 Goods usu. of considerable value taken in war; spoils
29 Female body-worker
30 Major or minor in the sky?
31 Harmful bacterium
36 Formal prohibitions
38 A beam of light
41 Point out resemblance to
43 Mollusk with a spiral shell
44 __ __ example : e.g.? (2,2)
45 Worry about
46 Writing fluids
47 Flower part
49 Ex-P.M. Narsimha ___
50 International Standard Atmosphere
52 Lacking training or experience
53 Ex-England skipper Dexter



SUDOKO

		1		8		5		
	4						7	
			1		6			
	7		2	5	4		3	
		8				2		
	5		8	3	1		9	
			5		2			
	9						8	
		6		4		9		

Answer to previous puzzle

5	6	3	2	8	7	9	1	4
1	4	9	6	5	3	8	7	2
7	2	8	9	1	4	3	5	6
8	1	2	3	7	9	6	4	5
6	3	7	5	4	1	2	8	9
9	5	4	8	2	6	1	3	7
3	8	6	7	9	5	4	2	1
4	9	5	1	3	2	7	5	8
2	7	1	4	6	8	5	9	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DVPTFKY HU QZY FTQ VW RYHXK QZY VXJS VXY

EZV NXVEU SVP'TY UDFTYI QV IYFQZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS U

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment.

Play 'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' to be staged on Feb. 16, 17

Mysuru, Feb. 15- A two-day valedictory programme of women's theatre training camp, organised by Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru, will be held at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises at 6 pm on Feb. 16 and 17.

On both the days, Belur Raghunandan's play 'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' will be staged by Sanchalana women's theatre troupe. The play is directed by Theatre Camp Director Deepak Mysore of Sanchalana.

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- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
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  Shadow (K) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
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Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 1.20 pm, 4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Kutty Story (Ta)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Uppena (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Kanasu Maratakkide (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Saajan Bakery Since 1962 (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Naanum Single Thaan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Parris Jeyaraj (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Kalavida (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Monster Hunter (E-3D)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

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Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	2.15 pm, 6.00 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 9.00 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-4)	2.30 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-3)	12.15 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
Uppena (Te)	(S-1)	3.05 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am
Monster Hunter (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.20 pm
Kutty Story (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Parris Jeyaraj (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Saajan Bakery Since 1962 (Ma)	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Nimmuru (K)	(S-4)	5.15 pm

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Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Kanasu Maratakkide (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 1.50 pm
		5.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Preethi Endarenu (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Naanum Single Thaan (Ta)	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

NCC Unit inaugurated at city college

Colonel Rajesh Kumar, Commanding Officer, 13 KarBn NCC, Mysuru, is seen addressing the gathering during the launch of NCC Unit at Seshadripuram College in city on Feb. 6.

Mysuru, Feb. 15- Watering a sapling by Colonel Rajesh Kumar, Commanding Officer, 13 KarBn NCC (National Cadet Corps), Mysuru, marked the inauguration of the NCC Unit of Seshadripuram Independent PU (SIPUC) and Seshadripuram Degree College (SDC), Mysuru, on Feb. 6 at the College Seminar Hall, to propagate national unity and integrity amongst youth.

H.S. Suhas, NCC Unit Officer, SIPUC and Faculty of Computer Science, delivered a welcome speech. Colonel Rajesh Kumar, who was the chief guest of the programme, expressed his happiness over the college for balancing both the curricular and co-curricular activities and preparing the students to serve the nation.

He apprised the Cadets about the role of NCC in instilling in them the values of character, discipline, selflessness, hardwork and ways to build confidence and gain leadership qualities.

He further opined that if young students had the desire to make NCC their career option, then being a NCC Cadet would hold a lot of weight as they would be directly associated with the Ministry of Defence. Finally, he motivated the Cadets to take pride in them and strengthen the spirit of being an Indian.

SIPUC Principal N. Archana Swamy and SDC Principal Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa spoke words of encouragement to the NCC Cadets and urged them to become dynamic and responsible citizens of our country.

SDC NCC Unit Officer and Faculty of Commerce R. Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 15)

- **Mysuru Banjara Employees Association and Gor Sikwadi Kathamlo, Mysuru:** Sri Santa Sevalal's 282nd Jayantyotsava 2020-2021, Exercise Deputy Commissioner Dr. Mahadevi Bai inaugurates, Chief Conservator of Forests (CF) T. Heeralal and industrialist Balaji Naik chief guests, Gor Sikwadi Karnataka State Convenor Bhojaraj Naika main speaker, Sri Kalabairaveshwara Convention Hall, Aravindanagar, **3 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,'

Srimaduttaradi Mutt Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Pt. Sri Vidyadheeshacharya Guttal** inaugurates, **5 pm;** Music concert by **Vidu. Divya Giridhar** of Bengaluru. **Vid. Anantharaja Mistri** of Kalaburagi and **Pt. Kallapura Pavamanachar** will analyse the literature for the same, Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 16)

- **Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Students Forum and presentation of Pratibha Puraskar (2020-2021), Sri Ramakrishna Mutt & Ramakrishna Mission Trustee and Sri Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji chief guest, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President Dr. B.M. Subraya and Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary N. Chandrashekar special invitees, Sarada Vilas College Principal Dr. M. Devika presides, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **11 am.**
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,' singing by Vidu. Hamsini of Mysuru, Vid. Ashish Nayak of Bengaluru and Pt. Be. Na. Vijayindracharya of Mysuru will analyse the literature, Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Agrahara: **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru:** Valedictory of women's theatre training camp, staging of Belur Raghunandan's play 'Roopa Roopagalanu Daati' by Sanchalana women's theatre troupe [Direction: Deepak Mysore]; retd. Director of Kannada & Culture N.R. Vijaykumar, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, poetess and Besagarahalli Ramanna Pratishtana President Sujatha, singer and actor Naveen Sajju and Theatre Camp Director Deepak Mysore will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

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